

## Reading Skill: Making Predictions

Key Details	
plane crash	Alexis
High Sierras	radio broken
two friends, one hurt	treacherous mountain path
Mike	village far below

### Sample Plot Impression

It was a cold, windy day, but **Alexis** and **Mike** were enjoying their ride in the small plane. Suddenly, the heavenly trip turned into a nightmare. The engine conked out, the **plane** spun wildly, and it **crashed** into the **High Sierras**. Mike, the pilot, was badly **hurt**, with both legs broken. Alexis pulled herself out of the plane, surprised to find herself unhurt. Fear overcame her as she looked down the icy mountain—a cold white path of doom, she thought. She tried the **radio**, but it was **broken** beyond repair. As she surveyed the situation, she realized that she would have to go for help. She trembled in fear as it dawned on her that the only way to get help was to hike down the **treacherous mountain path**. She had no choice. If she stayed put, both she and Mike would die. Alexis packed blankets around her friend, said a few encouraging words, and set off. It took twenty-two long hours and all her strength and determination, but she finally reached the **village far below**. Soon after, Alexis warmed herself up at the ranger station as a helicopter took off to rescue Mike.